

SCORN'S FEMINE WAR UTTERANCES

"Look at Colorado; No Peace There," Is Reply of Anti-Suffragist.

CAUSE FOR "COCK FIGHT"

Mrs. Austin M. Purves Says Socialist Workmen Dropped Began Fighting Began.

By MRS. AUSTIN M. PURVES.

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"No cause that would justify the holding of a first-class cock fight has been assigned by the makers of this war for the deluge of blood that now pours from the veins of millions of men."

This is not the remark of some unknown member of the sporting fraternity, but part of the argument for "votes for women" advanced by Miss Anna A. Maley, a Socialist-suffragist who ran on the Socialist ticket for governor of Washington, and who spoke in Philadelphia last week, under auspices of the Equal Franchise Society.

Of course, the writer does not know the gravity of the reasons that must be assigned for a "first-class cock fight," not having had sufficient interest to attend these games in suffrage States like California and Colorado, and being denied the local opportunity in "slave" States like New York and Pennsylvania. However, it does seem that the full text of the British and German white papers, plus the comments of practically every noted statesman, student, editor, and prominent writer here and abroad, would account for the holding of even a "first-class cock fight," if the suffrage mind could be switched off the single track of the franchise question long enough to examine these documents.

But Miss Maley, of course, was merely using this statesmanlike comparison to demonstrate how little men know about running governments, and to conclusively prove to a few women that it would have been "impossible" for the European nations to have waged war, "if women had been consulted before hostilities began."

"Look at Colorado."

Of course, it would. Who can doubt it, when Colorado, where women have been "consulted" at every election since 1893, has the unique distinction of being the only State in the Union whose territory had to be placed under martial law by Federal authority twice in ten years to stop anarchy? The people of the whole United States have been paying Federal soldiers for four months to protect life and property in "votes-for-women" Colorado, while in suffrage States women elected and womanish administration cannot even preserve law and order, much less meet the problems of local self-government. And the women are not only "consulted" in Colorado, but they have been consulted for twenty-one years—long enough to train their own voters from the cradle to the voting booth. Yet Colorado has the State revenue in internal taxes the highest per capita tax in the Union, and 65 per cent of its women must keep on working after the age of forty-five, which is more than the average for the whole United States. Whereas Pennsylvania, the only State in the Union out of debt, with more "labor problems" than any other Commonwealth, gives its women an efficient and inexpensive self-government, and its women more freedom and leisure in the sunset of life.

A recent report of Pennsylvania cities showed that over 100,000 women are employed in government. It is less expensive there is no extravagant feminine element in the electorate. It costs Denver an additional \$100,000 a year to have a womanish government, but the mayors of Chester, Reading, Williamsport, Easton, Harrisburg, and Allentown, Pa., as well as Atlantic City and Trenton, N. J., recently testified to no material increase, even in some cases a reduction in municipal expense that had been made by trying out "womanish government" here.

A business man in his recent testimony before the industrial commission at San Francisco asked: "What is the matter with California? It is a State with the ability to support a population of 20,000,000 with only 2,000,000. He pointed out how capital had been frightened away from the State by weak legislation, and the constant fear of increased taxation and limitations imposed by a mad-mad electorate."

Getting Alarmed and Disgusted.

A recent letter from a resident of Los Angeles declared that the increase in taxation due to woman suffrage in California was becoming a serious issue. Organisms for the other side of "votes for women" already has been circulated in the "Sunflower State" less than four years after its trial.

The letter also asserted that "The Socialists, and the women who consider it their duty to offset Socialist votes are the only ones that are willing to loathe with the ballot. Most women have as their husbands or male relatives advice, and the men are all starting to complain about the increased expense of debauching the electorate, without accomplishing anything but the multiplication of figures and the furtherance of socialism."

The only tangible effect of woman suffrage on State or municipal government is to act as an asset to the Socialist party. "One million Socialists vote and work for woman suffrage," they proudly proclaim, because, as stated in the New York Call, a Socialist paper, "Socialism is impossible without woman suffrage."

Now, what is socialism? Is it a mere communitarian dream of Utopia, or a living moving program of revolution? Miss Anna A. Maley is primarily a Socialist. "Votes for women" means nothing to her but one step nearer the "co-operative Commonwealth."

Socialism Repudiated by Labor. Socialism is severely repudiated by the "class" it affects to defend. The wage earner for sixty-five years has rejected the Marxian theory. Samuel Gompers told the industrial commission in New York that socialism had done more to defeat the true interests of labor than any other modern movement.

Socialism had done nothing for labor, just as suffrage has done nothing for women. These twin agitators have been formulated and organized in 1848 that affectionately cling together and try to convince each other that their revolution means progress because they nickname it "reform." They are forever bargaining with anarchy and with envy, to no purpose but the weakening of the constructive forces of civilization.

The "peace" argument is such a palpable sophistry, that in the face of a world war that they could not pre-

vent, the Socialists have turned it over to the sisters, the suffragists, who go on with the argument as a plea for woman suffrage.

The suffrage "cause" thus acts as a second-hand clearing-house for Socialist propaganda that experience has exposed as ridiculous fallacies, and the franchise enthusiasts almost provoke laughter and tears as they pick up Socialism's discarded and discredited tools of revolution and re-point them with "sweet reasonableness." They call it, to explain how war would be "impossible" if women had the vote.

On August 5, 1914, the European Socialists announced a great convention representing "12,000,000 workmen" would deliver an "ultimatum" to all the great powers, ordering them to cease mobilization at once or bear the consequences of the ultimatum "general strike."

Strange to say, the "general strike" did not even get a chance to formulate. The revolutionaries were not even allowed to continue the occupation they had intended to desert, but the would-be strikers were given a certain specified time in which to forget his profession, his clerkship, or his labor, and to join the colors of his country. And he did, just as other citizens did, while the Socialist leaders rose in Reichstag, Chamber of Deputies, and Parliament to shout with the loudest of voices, "No war, no war, no war!"

But hope springs eternal in the radical's dreams. In 1913 "no nation could go to war because the workmen would rise en masse." In 1914 the workmen are rising and failing in larger masses than ever gathered on the fields of battle in the history of the world. But still there is a chance for Socialism to end their war, they tell us.

How? Well, the New York Independent asked William English Walling, the noted American Socialist, to explain the action of his party in the great war. No Socialist in the United States is more competent to discuss this question than he, says the editor of the Independent.

Heal, then, from Mr. Walling, how Socialism is going to bring about peace, now that the importance in preventing war has been demonstrated.

"First—Breaches in discipline—discipline will be steadily undermined."

"Second—Single desertions and surrenders in groups already have been reported in considerable numbers. Some captured soldiers in Belgium explained that they did not know whom they were fighting; others that they had been butchered and starved; others merely that they were Socialists and opposed to war—all being excuses for surrender."

"Third—The right attacks are becoming frequent; officers will be more and more frequently shot by their own soldiers. They may even be decimated in this way before the war is over, as happened in a number of Russian regiments in the Japanese war."

In the Socialists' expectation to succeed in bringing about peace, law, order, high wages, and ideal governments through the heroic agency of the army anarchist who shoots his own leaders in the back under cover of darkness?

Leaves That Impression. Mr. Walling leaves us with that impression. He even quotes as his closing argument an editorial in the New York Call to the effect that Socialists would be glad to see the end of civilization, if capitalism could be involved in the same destruction.

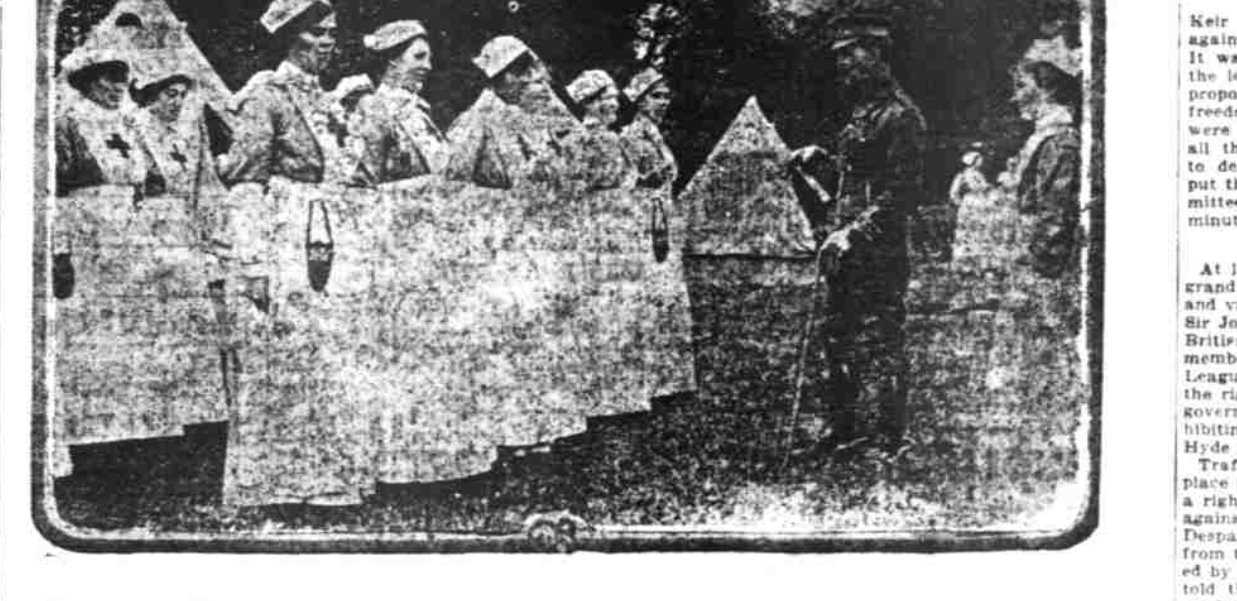
"Between what our German remonstrants call Cossack domination and the military imperialism of Germany we have no choice," says the Call. "We should accept none, and do our best to destroy both. With one or the other dominant, our fight would go on just the same. And that goes for capitalist domination of all the others as well. We have not the slightest interest in the so-called 'civilization' that it is claimed one or other group is fighting for. It is the same thing in all cases—imperialism, militarism, domination, wage slavery, exploitation, and capitalism."

"We stand for destruction—the destruction of capitalism," concludes the Call, and Mr. Walling, after assuring us that they "don't care how they do it, whether with cannon, musket and saber, or with confiscation and legislation."

Meanwhile, suffragists throughout the country have picked up the slogan of "peace if women had been consulted"—and go into hysterics every time President Wilson talks about taking through Federal soldiers out of Colorado! After the anarchists in Europe and the dynamiters in America do away with all discipline and government; after honor, loyalty, patriotism, duty and obedience are extinct, when the soldier and the policeman no longer stand guard over the rights and liberties of women and children, and try to preserve the slight vestige of civilization humanity has acquired in sixty centuries, then "sweet reasonableness" may begin all "over again" for the man of the future. Feminists may have the primal pleasure of "fighting man at his own game" in barbarism, or of re-civilizing the brute armed with dynamite instead of club, as in Eve's day.

Is this the aim of Socialism and feminism? If not, why do they constantly point the weapon of destructive license, loaded to the muzzle with license called liberty, and femininity called feminism, at such a terrible target?

WOMEN BEAR WEIGHT OF GREAT WAR'S BURDENS



Above at left—The Duchess of Sutherland, at the head of the English Red Cross nurses in Belgium, ready to start for the front to attend the wounded. Many titled women have enlisted in the nursing service. Those who are not actively engaged, are busy raising funds with which to support the Red Cross nurses in the field.

Above at right—The Duchess of Manchester working at a sewing machine on her country estate, making bandages to be sent to the English nurses in the field.

Below—Col. Sheen inspecting Red Cross nurses ready to start for the front. Col. Sheen has been appointed to the command of the Welsh Red Cross Corps. Wales has already provided ten beds and much hospital equipment. It has also arranged for the Red Cross support while in the field.

GEORGE MEREDITH FOR MILITANCY

Novelist Said: "Knock Ideas in John Bull's Head; It's the Only Way."

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1913

Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby Tells of the Eventful Scenes which Marked the Suffrage Movement in England.

By CLARA BEWICK COLBY.

No one better understood British character than the eminent novelist, George Meredith, and he knew that for women to overcome the age-long prejudice and obstinacy of his countrymen would be no easy task. It is a great compliment to the American man that people abroad generally believe American women are having an easy task in securing their rights.

In an interview with Witter Bynner, of the United States, in 1902, Mr. Meredith said: "Your wonderful women have the gift of opening before them, the American head being receptive of ideas. With our women the way will be different, harder, longer, unless they learn there is no peaceable manner possible for the introduction of ideas into John Bull's head. The only way to send ideas into John Bull's head is to knock them in." This was more than four years before the militant movement began.

The year 1913 was crowded with eventful scenes. It opened with the introduction of Mr. Asquith's pet measure, the "adult franchise bill," which, with the usual carelessness of men in using generic terms, did not have any reference to women. But the premier had promised that amendments might be introduced with regard to women. As soon as the bill was in the amending stage such an amendment was introduced when the Speaker announced that there was no precedent for it, as it was not indicated in the title of the bill, which was not nominally a bill for the extension of the franchise, but a bill to abolish plural voting and the reform of registration.

But this killed the adult suffrage proposition also, so that it was like Samson, who, in his death, brought down the house upon his foes. But what could be thought of a premier who did not know that his bill was not regular in form, and that he could not by keep his solemn promise to the women to introduce a bill to which woman suffrage amendments might be added? And what could be thought of the Speaker making such a ruling with the evident purpose of staving off suffrage from women, when for eighteen months he had known of the prime minister's promise that the franchise bill should be so drafted as to permit of such an amendment, and had listened to the speeches on the second reading of the bill which were devoted largely to the inclusion of women under it? As Mr. Philip Snowden said, the situation was really so comical as to be unthinkable.

The spirit with which this was re-

ceived by the suffragists was evidenced by renewed militancy on the part of the Women's Social and Political Union, with reiteration of their demand that the women's franchise must be made a government measure, and as long as it was not they would fight the party in power, even those members of it who were personally favorable to woman suffrage, because they were powerless to carry out their convictions.

Adopt a New Policy.

The National Union of Woman Suffrage Societies adopted a new policy of an alliance between women and the labor party, so that in all cases, whatever might be the opinion or politics of candidates, the labor candidate was to be preferred if he were a suffragist. Mrs. Asquith explained that their change of policy was due to their absolute want of faith in Mr. Asquith's honor. When he found himself in a position where he could not keep his promise to the women, instead of consulting them as to what they would consider an equivalent,

Minus Beautiful Gems, She Arrives in London



MRS. HARRY LEHR.

London, Sept. 12.—The beautiful Jewess belonging to Mrs. Harry Lehr are claiming her considerable anxiety. She arrived with her husband from Paris without the gems.

he declined them an interview, and offered them what they regarded as useless facilities for a private member's bill. They adopted a resolution against the Asquith bill and against all private members' bills on which they were determined to waste no more money or time.

However, the next thing was that Mr. Dickinson introduced a People's Representation Bill, a very democratic measure, as it would enfranchise about six million women, as well as enlarge the franchise for men. But the point was that it was not equal, for it gave the franchise to men of twenty-one, withholding it from women until they became twenty-five. Also that women were not to have the voters' franchise as men had it.

Mr. Asquith concentrated all his forces against the bill, but he made a concession that should be remembered. He said that he sometimes thought that when he listened to arguments by the supporters of women suffrage that there was nothing to be said for it. "But," said he, "I sometimes think that when I listen to the arguments of opponents that there is nothing to be said against it."

The excuse of those who intended to vote against the bill was "militancy," which of course was absurd, militancy being recent, and many of these who had been very active in it were at this very time in prison, so it was illogical to punish all for the actions of the few. But the statement was made by E. E. Smith, a Conservative member, that "it was not until 1906, when these militant tactics were adopted, that any people in this House or in the country took this view of the situation. On second reading the bill received 213 votes for, and 256 against."

"Not of Good Fame."

In its attempt to punish the militants who were now undertaking extreme measures but yet could not be adequately dealt with because they resorted to the hunger and thirst strike whenever imprisoned, the government revived an old measure passed by the Parliament of 1860, which permits the imprisonment of any one "not of good fame," requiring the defendant, without any evidence of an offense having been committed, to find sureties or go to jail in default. This enabled the government to imprison any suspected person, for the suffragists would never give bail.

But how to keep them in prison was the rub. An "emergency act" was rushed through the House by a vote of 234 to 66, to enable the home secretary to release a prisoner temporarily, instead of giving an absolute discharge. The public immediately dubbed it "the cat and mouse act," which exactly depicted its nature. The prisoners were then being forced to fast, which, even quicker than absolute fasting, reduced them to such a condition that death seemed imminent, and the government has never dared to let any such prisoners die in prison. Until they regained sufficient strength to bear imprisonment again, and the term in which they were out was spent under surveillance, and did not count on the time for which they were sentenced.

Thus Mrs. Pankhurst having been sentenced nine months for the offenses of her followers has been imprisoned nine or ten times, and brought to death's door each time; she has made a visit to America, to France, and kept the police machinery busy and has yet the major part of her sentence to serve.

Keir Hardie knew better. He protested against it as futile and a waste of time. It was amusing to see the readiness of the lords to agree with the House on a proposition in which only the rights and freedom of women were involved. They were anxious to grant the government all the powers that might be necessary to deal with the women offenders, and put the bill through second reading, committee, and third reading in exactly one minute.

Fight for Free Speech.

At 11 o'clock at night, on April 2, that grand old woman, Mrs. Despard, as brave and valiant a soldier as her brother, Gen. Sir John French, now in command of the British forces, rallied around her the members of the Women's Freedom League to make a protest on behalf of the right of free speech, and against the government's attempt at coercion in prohibiting women holding their meetings in Hyde Park.

Travellers Square has been the rallying place in London whenever there has been a right to demand or a wrong to protest against. Standing between the lions, Mrs. Despard caught the crowds returning from the theater and was soon surrounded by thousands of people. Mrs. Despard told them she had been already imprisoned three times for her part in the suffrage agitation. She had never consciously hurt anybody or anything, but she would continue to protest on behalf of the freedom of women, and neither fine nor imprisonment could stop her.

It took some time for the police to rally in sufficient numbers before they dared venture into that sympathetic crowd and carry off Mrs. Despard and her aid. At the Police Court they were bailed out for the night, and the next morning were charged with "obstructing the police."

The W. F. L. were not to be outdone. They held a big meeting in Albert Hall, at which they added to their "war chest" \$60,000, three Americans being among the contributors.

"Death or victory" were the magic words that appeared on the top of the monument in great glaring letters of white on a black ground. The monument is 200 feet high and stands on the top of Fish Street Hill, where it was placed to commemorate the great fire of 1666. It is a place to see the city like our Washington Monument.

Two young women executed one of the finest coup d'etat in capturing the pillar. The two conspirators carried bars of iron suspended round their waists and covered with their cloaks. They made extra drapery with their flags and the banner and improved their figures with suffrage literature. Arrived at the top when it was time for people to depart they lingered behind the others. The flag and banner were displayed and the women proceeded to shower their literature down on the heads below.

The keeper begged, the police parleyed, the crowd gathered and the women were carried off to prison. All London laughed and enjoyed the situation, and the best of it was that the police said what damage had been done had been done by them, and if the keeper wanted to charge anybody with costs he must charge the police.

Red Cross to Use His Premises in Pall Mall



RODMAN WANAMAKER.

London, Sept. 12.—Rodman Wanamaker, who gave the silver altar, costing \$10,000, to the church at Sandringham in memory of King Edward, has placed his extensive premises in Pall Mall and the entire staff at the disposal of the Red Cross.

SUFFRAGE FIGHT TO BEG TODAY

Congressional Union Will Unfold Campaign Plans at Rally Here.

TOUR STATES TOMORROW

Women to Take Stump in the Middle West Against Democratic Opponents in Congress.

By MRS. JESSIE HARDY STUBBS.

The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage will begin its active fall campaign today, at a meeting at the residence of Col. and Mrs. H. F. Blount, Thirty-First and R streets, when Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Congressional Union will lay before the committee of workers the full plans for the fall work.

The meeting is to be held on the beautiful lawn of Col. Blount's residence in Georgetown, with a committee of prominent women in charge, among whom will be Mrs. F. W. Mondell, wife of Representative Mondell, of Wyoming; Mrs. Charles W. Bell, wife of Representative Bell, of California; Mrs. Ella Logan, president of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Harriette, and Mrs. H. F. Blount, hostesses of the occasion. An appeal will be made for contributions toward the expenses of the work in the West, and workers of the Congressional Union feel sure of the same generous and wholehearted response they always have met with on former occasions.

Co-operation as Keynote.

Hearty co-operation in the policy of the Congressional Union has been shown by individuals and suffrage organizations all over the country, and many States are sending organizations into the field for the six weeks of the election campaign. The workers start on their journey to the Far West on Monday, September 14, and wonderful results are expected in every State where the appeal of the Congressional Union is carried.

A word in explanation of the ideals and policy of this organization may not be amiss, as there never has been any organization of women in the country whose active and intelligent work in the field of national politics has so awakened the interest of the entire country. In the first place, there are at present two suffrage amendments before Congress, one providing for the absolute sweeping away of the sex barrier which at present disfranchises women of all ten States in the Union. This amendment has been the accepted means of enfranchisement of all the women in the suffrage organizations of America since the first suffrage convention held in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. It was introduced into Congress in 1875 by Susan B. Anthony, the pioneer suffragist, and ever since has been kept before that body.

The second amendment before Congress is known as the Shafroth-Palmer resolution, and was decided on in March as a substitute measure, and introduced into Congress in 1907. It was introduced by Senator Shafroth, of New Mexico, and Senator Palmer, of New York. It was passed by the Senate in 1907, but has never been taken up by the House.

The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, which was organized in Washington in January, 1914, has unwaveringly given its allegiance to the old amendment as the only sure means to the enfranchisement of women, as the Shafroth-Palmer amendment merely supplies another means of securing suffrage State by State.

The decision of the Newport conference held in August 2, was unanimous against the Shafroth amendment and a resolution was passed urging all suffragists to concentrate on the old amendment and demand its passage by Congress. The Congressional Union has had workers at the Capitol almost constantly since the summer of 1913, and has had its measures continuously blocked by the Democratic party now in power in both Houses of Congress, therefore, after putting it up to the Democratic party time after time and being repeatedly refused, it is holding that party responsible. This policy has the admiration and sanction of brilliant political minds all over the United States, and is known as the only feasible, effective policy to gain the desired end.

The Congressional Union will throw its entire force into the suffrage States of the West, asking the co-operation of the women voters in keeping that party out of the powerful majority it has held in the past year in both Houses of Congress. Although many individual Democrats in Congress are ardent friends of woman suffrage, the Congressional Union feels as they have so frequently demonstrated their inability to work decisively for its passage, and the majority vote of the Democratic caucus, the only feasible thing to do is to attempt to place a majority in Congress which will not persistently stand in the way of every proposed measure for the national enfranchisement of women.

There Is No Bitterness.

The Newport conference, composed of the most prominent women in public life in America, understood that policy. Women who had gone to the conference mentally opposing the proposed tactics of the Congressional Union came away convinced of its necessity and of the impractical attitude of the women engaged in this campaign.

There is no bitterness toward opponents and no personalities in the work of the Congressional Union in its fall campaign. The women it sends into the West are imbued with enthusiasm and the righteousness of their cause, as well as the necessity for the method taken to win more quickly the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution, forbidding any State to discriminate against any voter on account of sex.

Home Complexion Peeler Works Wonders

To keep the face, neck, arms and hands truly beautiful and youthful in appearance, the treatment which seems most sensible is one which will actually remove the skin itself immediately it begins to age, fade, coarsen or discolor. The only known treatment which will do this, aside from a painful, expensive surgical operation, is the application of ordinary mercurized wax, which is as harmless as it is effective.

The wax is put on at night, just as you apply cold cream, and washed off in the morning. It absorbs the dead and half-dead surface skin in almost invisible flaky particles, a little each day, so gradually and so effectively, with the disappearance of the old cuticle, the newer, healthier skin underneath gradually appears, richly beautiful with the flush of youth. This mercurized wax, which you can get at any drug store in original package, is indeed a veritable wonder-worker. Adv.

BETTER THAN SPANKING

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble in this way. Don't blame the child. The child can't help it. This treatment cures adults and aged people who walk urine difficulties by day.